GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:783
ANSWERED ON:21.11.2016
Import of Edible Oils
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of edible oil imports into the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and variety-wise;
(b) the details of import bill of edible oils during the said period;
(c) the reaction of the Government to the clearance given by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) to three varieties of GM Mustard and also terming them as "safe"; and
(d) whether safety data has been released to the general public to actually know how safe it is and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) The quantity and value (import bill) of import of edible oil into the country during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years	Quantity (in Millions Tonnes)	Value (US$ Millions)
2013-14	10.5	9389.7
2014-15	12.7	10621.5
2015-16	15.6	10492.1
2016-17 (Apr to Aug)*	5.6	4207.6

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

The details of variety-wise edible oil imports into the country during last three years and current year is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) The Government has not given any clearance for commercial cultivation of GM Mustard till now.
(d) The Sub-Committee constituted by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) for review of bio safety dossier submitted by Centre for Genetic Manipulation and Crop Plants (CGMCP), University of Delhi, South Campus, has prepared an Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety (AFES) document. It was placed on Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) website for a period of 30 days from 5th September, 2016 to 5th October, 2016 for inviting public comments.
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Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 783 for answer on 21st November 2016.
Variety-wise Import of edible oil during 2013-14 to 2016-17(April to August)*

Item description	2013-14		2014-15	
	Quantity (KG)	Value (US $)	Quantity (KG)	Value(US $)
Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed	1345133000	1366409794	2317045159	2113431933
Soya bean oil of edible grade	2227	8576	5421	17414
Olive oil virgin	1689026	7040804	1962426	7611420
Olive oil and its fractions (excluding vrgn)of edible grade	6060589	24183649	6564924	26929532
Other crude oil not chemically modified obtained from olives				
Other oil (excluding crude oil) of edible grade not chemically modified from olives	901282	1990903	3259334	6499494
Crude palm oil and its fractions	5134890527	4348244664	6970994605	5409005540
Refined bleached deodrsed palm oil	24460000	19506836	9364690	6485162
Refined blchd deodrsed palmolein	2524901767	2140802927	1181072345	949584943
Other refined palm oil	57310	99715	3090922	2042563
Sunflower seed oil crude	1075397651	1137359594	1712439775	1565309115
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil)	10231100	16959080	9799075	17036411
Sunflower oil edible grade	162427	267769	112818	173718
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions	6205341	7908955		
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	1645569	1497766	3467909	5067045
Crude palm kernel oil	260074688	237563124	191837714	214491728
Curde babassu oil	2000005	1943289		
Refined palm kernel oil and its fractions	1647000	1633245	231000	305817
Crude rape oil	53203000	53186890	277760000	251331074

Refined colza oil of edible grade 151540 214775 21370 24154
Refined rapeseed oil of edible grade 83510 120453 3630991 3840535
Crude mustard oil 142000 128859 465830 408644
Crude rape seed oil 15600289 16108019 24058329 21458480
Refined rapeseed oil edible grade 33163 55367 55200 67294
Other linseed oil of edible grade 20380 29980
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade 3260 7656 1415 4784
Crude sesame oil and its fractions 5157997 7529678 2839997 3996766
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade 34305 165933 60835 219820
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade 66225 488544 43238 566951
Cotton seed oil of edible grade 704 4014 16066 155998
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade 5136129 7249585 3107152 5340143
Linseed oil of edible grade 50 1463
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade 436568 909232 62736 193623
Total 10467302903 9389738914 12731597002 10621482325

Item description 2015-16 2016-17 (APR TO AUG)*
Quantity (KG) Value (US $) Quantity (KG) Value(US $)
Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed 3964009513 2952779179 1615515780 1247064378
Soya bean oil of edible grade 21788 78128 17695 71807
Olive oil virgin 1623047 7263049 881777 3832516
Olive oil and its fractns (excluding vrgn)of edible grade 6490179 26904979 3207833 11752772
Other crude oil not chmcly mdfd obtnd from olives 503000 492636
Other oil (exclude crude oil) of edible grade not chmcly modify fr olives 2178494 4958043 703670 1506686
Crude palm oil and its fractns 7112059345 4200080522 1994485608 1380497010
Refined bleached deodrsed palm oil 1819002 1823526 423834 382639
Refined blchd deodrsed palmolein 2569112472 1584872125 1197276499 848271954
Other refined palm oil 660620 347032 7710 22074
Sunflower seed oil crude 1485995873 1272406957 598278000 513942612
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil) 6931340 12357692 12456215 16865891
Sunflower oil edible grade 82629 162604 67559 92320
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions 2415000 2855234
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions 2759814 3495559 403 1063
Crude palm kernel oil 170724927 156859298 20513420 26188297
Curde babassu oil
Refnd palm kernel oil and its fractns 2931080 2742971
Crude rape oil 266086000 217188764 180817000 144568706
Refnd colza oil of edible grade
Refnd rapeseed oil of edible grade 19647287 17159750 470519 495298
Crude mustard oil 200950 167290
Crude rape seed oil 22961172 20582596 9205000 8102352
Refnd rapeseed oil edible grade 68990 102593 4180 6642
Other linseed oil of edible grade 1121190 1027561 550000 553939
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions 160000 84782
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade 1254 1955
Crude sesame oil and its fractions 378620 508241 241000 236126
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade 59354 237220 300 1114
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade 1727164 2370769 19355 296971
Cotton seed oil of edible grade 12282 107866 499 4309
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade 1459826 2403966 1595270 2318008
Linseed oil of edible grade
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade 32585 147939 10800 31735
Total 15643731797 10492078190 5637252926 4207599855
Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)